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## 'IT'S GREAT,' CITY SAYS OF AWARD



CROWDS HAIL AWARD... A "come as you are" band, hastily made signs, aerial bombs, and the sounding of church bells and factory whistles greeted the announcement here this week that Torrance had been

selected as an All-America City. The informal demonstration was held Thursday noon at El Prado and Sartori.

### Plans Readied For Huge Fete On January 26

Winning the All-America City award was well deserved and a great tribute to the residents of Torrance who have given their time to aid in the orderly development of the city, it was indicated this week by hundreds of residents commenting on the city's honor.

Residents began their celebration of the award almost immediately after it was announced here Thursday morning. A crowd gathered at El Prado and Sartori Ave., Thursday noon to display signs proclaiming the win, and to witness an aerial bomb display.

Plans for a gala two-day celebration to be held Jan. 25 and 26 are being completed by a volunteer committee headed by Douglas Horlander. The celebration will include activities for the schools on Friday, Jan. 25, and a motorized parade, flag raising ceremonies, reception, and dinner on Saturday. The formal presentation of the certificate will be made at the dinner Saturday night. About 400 tickets to the dinner will be on sale to the public at the Chamber of Commerce later this week.

### Civic Leaders Hail Selection

Following are some of the comments made this week following the announcement that Torrance had been selected an All-America City by a panel of judges in the American Municipal League-Look Magazine sponsored contest:

Fred W. Mill, National Supply Co. and member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: "I think it is a wonderful thing. It gives us national recognition, and industries that have never heard of Torrance before now will be aware of us. It may be the means of bringing more industry to Torrance."

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, city librarian: "I think the award is a very wonderful thing and I think everyone has worked hard for it. I think we're going far ahead of this."

Harry Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation for Torrance: "I'm very happy and proud about the whole thing. It has been a real pleasure to work with the citizens of the city and evidently it is the citizen interest of Torrance that has brought us this award."

John D. Spalding, works manager, National Supply Co.: "We were gratified to note the designation of Torrance as an All-America City. It is with great pride that as the first industry in Torrance, we look back on the phenomenal yet balanced growth of this city that has resulted in the award."

William H. Tolson Sr., realtor and former mayor: "This is really an honor we can all be proud of. Torrance has kept its lead over the many years—it was one of the first cities to join the Metropolitan Water District and the County Sanitation District. It is a planned city and has been kept that way since its inception. I feel very proud to be a citizen and an ex-official of the city."

Burton W. Chace, Supervisor, Fourth District: "My congratulations to the city of Torrance for being selected as an All-America city. I'm confident that of the 11 cities, Torrance would be No. 1 if the selection went to that point. The award surely reflects the spirit of the community and the efficiency of the official family over the years of the city's growth."

W. E. Bowen, local insurance man: "The fact that the city has become an All-America city was done in spite of itself. No city has faced as many obstacles and has overcome them all. It presents a healthy outlook for the future."

George Stevens, city manager: "The reward is national recognition for the efforts of the citizens of Torrance in building a fine community under trying conditions."

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools: "It is a wonderful thing for the city. The schools are happy to cooperate with other agencies in celebrating this additional recognition of the community. We congratulate the mayor and the community in this achievement. One thing I hope it does not do—raise the price of school sites before we get them bought."

J. J. Benner, chief, Torrance Fire Department: "I'm just as happy as I can be that we were selected."

Dr. Joseph Bay, optometrist and moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee: "The selection of Torrance as one of the All-America cities confirms the feeling that many of us here have held for the city for some time. As moderator of TEAC and a former member of the board of education, I am particularly proud of the part played by Torrance schools in securing this honor for Torrance."

Milton Hunter, president of the North Torrance Lions Club and representative of area to Chamber of Commerce Board: "I think it's the greatest thing that ever hit Torrance. The next thing we have to do is get that major league ball park. This couldn't have happened without the unified efforts of the entire city, and I'm mighty proud that I'm a resident of Torrance."

Donald Mansfield, assistant city manager: "Democracy begins at the local level and the citizens of Torrance can truly be proud of their participation in local government as is evidenced by the All-America Cities award."

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 68th Assembly District: "I think it's perfect! I think it is one of the finest achievements we have in Southern California. In fact, Torrance has always been known as one of the finest governed cities in the state."

J. Hugh Sherfy Jr., Stone and Myers Mortuary and former mayor: "I think it's wonderful that Torrance has made the progress it has and certainly it should be one of the All-America cities."

Rev. Walter Stanton, pastor, Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, and president Torrance Ministerial Association: "Anybody would be proud to live in Torrance. The Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for the fine work they have done."

R. S. Pyle, manager Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. and director of Torrance Chamber of Commerce: "The award is a fine honor and I am glad to see Torrance get it—I think Torrance deserves it. The award is a tribute to those men and women who have devoted their time to the city during their past decade."

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### 3 PEOPLE INJURED IN ACCIDENTS

A young bicyclist and two visitors from Washington were injured in a pair of traffic accidents Thursday and Friday, Torrance police report.

George M. Hale, 8, 1412 W. 208th St., suffered a broken right leg when his two-wheeler was involved in a collision with an auto Friday at Torrance Blvd. and Bow St.

The motorist, John A. Peterson, 33, of 21138 Harvard Ave., was not held.

The youngster was taken to Torrance Emergency Hospital by Gardena Ambulance.

Ralph Cooper, 51, and Patricia Cooper, 20, both of Everett, Wash., suffered minor hurts in a Thursday crash at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. Drivers were Cooper and Edwilda Lavigne, 49, of 5143 Carol Dr.

### Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	72	33
Monday	82	36
Tuesday	79	40
Wednesday	85	39
Thursday	81	39
Friday	85	40

### 'Bop' Bandit In Another Stickup

This area's "bopster bandit" struck here again Thursday night, getting an estimated \$100 in a gunpoint holdup of the El Rancho Liquors at 3217 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

Clerk Howard Foote, 46, said the robber threatened him with a .22-caliber revolver and forced him to surrender currency from the register. As the thug left the store, he declared:

"I'm sick, man. You can shoot me in the back if you want to."

Foote said the suspect fled in a car apparently driven by an accomplice. Earlier in the evening a man believed to be the gunman walked into the Waleria Liquors at 24212 Hawthorne Ave., but left on a pretext when he saw the clerk to be a woman. He did not display a gun or otherwise attempt to rob her.

Police believe the latest crime was the work of a bandit who held up a liquor store and service station in Harbor City on Wednesday night and a North Torrance service station last week.

Victims have described him as in his late teens or early twenties, medium build, with crew-cut blond hair, and user of five argot. Foote said he wore a goatee and mustache.

**Burglar Loots Home, Gets \$1.75 for Pains**  
Overlooking valuable watches and jewelry, a burglar who ransacked the home of Jess Wilson at 4117 W. 178th St. got only \$1.75 for his pains.

Police said the thief entered through a bedroom window Friday.

### Local Firemen Battle Flames In Palos Verdes

Torrance firemen joined in battling flames which swept through the Palos Verdes Hills early Saturday morning, the fifth in a series of fires which have broken out in exclusive residential districts in various parts of Los Angeles County.

Sheriff's deputies reportedly had arrested one man suspected of setting the Palos Verdes fire and were seeking two other persons seen in a yellow convertible shortly before the blaze was reported.

**Fire Reported**

First reported by an airlines pilot shortly after 2 a.m. yesterday, the flames swept over some 400 acres in the area and for a time, threatened a number of swank homes in the area. Firefighters from Torrance, Redondo, Manhattan, Hermosa, and Los Angeles County and City joined Palos Verdes firemen in fighting the blaze, which was contained after about four hours.

The blaze apparently started on Via Visalia at Punta Point near Palos Verdes Dr. West. At the scene, officers found a number of signs that the fire had been set by an arsonist.

**Leaps Highway**

Fire leaped across Palos Verdes Dr. West and for a time, the roaring inferno threatened many homes in the area. Many phone poles were

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### Teamsters' Claims About Store Denied

Assertions made publicly by the Southern California Joint Council of Teamsters Unions that Torrance's Certi-Bond store was union-owned or operated were categorically denied yesterday by a spokesman for the organization.

Answering the Teamsters assertions which were published in the HERALD Thursday, an attorney for Certi-Bond reported:

"1. Certi-Bond is not owned or operated by any union or unions, nor does any union or unions participate in the management of Certi-Bond.

"2. Certi-Bond is privately owned; its philosophy and method of operation is strictly within the framework of the free enterprise system.

"3. Certi-Bond is a collection of complimentary and integrated small businesses run by small business men under one roof.

"4. Certi-Bond's competition is with other stores which are, likewise, privately owned and operated to provide customers with goods and services at a profit.

"5. Each and every Certi-Bond employee is a member in good standing of a bona fide labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Sales personnel belong to the Amalgamated Retail Clerks Employees Union, Local 55-D, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL-CIO, under a closed shop collective bargaining agreement; office and clerical personnel belong to the Office Workers Industrial

Union, Local 1729, AFL-CIO, under a closed shop collective bargaining agreement; the employees in the Meat Department are members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America, Local 551, AFL-CIO.

"6. Wages paid by Certi-Bond to employees under its valid and subsisting collective bargaining agreements with the above named unions are not only equal to, but are in most classifications higher than that paid by competitors to their union employees.

"7. The working conditions of Certi-Bond employees are at least equal to if not superior to the working conditions of Certi-Bond's union competitors; the hours worked by Certi-Bond employees are not more than the hours worked by employees of Certi-Bond's union competitors.

"8. Certi-Bond has never knowingly sold non-union made goods. The policy of Certi-Bond has been and will continue to be to favor the purchase and sale of domestically produced union made goods."

The spokesman said the resolution of the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 42 was based of misinformation provided the Council by Retail Clerks. He labeled the move an attempt to force the firm to cancel its present labor contracts and compel employees to join the Retail Clerks.

"From the foregoing, it is self-evident that Certi-Bond is not union owned or operated," the spokesman said.

### Orley Family, Hungarian Nephew Seen on TV Show

A first-hand account of the bloody conditions in Hungary was given to Mr. and Mrs. Geza E. Orley, 1307 Cranbrook, and the whole nation Wednesday night, as the local couple and their nephew appeared on the TV program, "This Is Your Life."

The Orleys' nephew, Thomas E. Orley, arrived in Torrance on Dec. 22 after a dangerous journey which led him from war-torn Budapest across the Austrian border and finally to America. The 22-year-old Hungarian refugee was the guest of honor on the TV program and the local couple and their son, Michael, 10, also appeared on the show.

Edwards Calls  
Ralph Edwards, emcee of the program, heard of young Orley, a former European sa-

ber champion and leader of university students in the Hungarian revolt, through the International Rescue Commission. Two weeks ago, the Orleys received a call from Edwards, offering to pay the young man's expenses to this country. Edwards said he also planned to bring some of his friends and relatives to appear on the program.

Thomas Orley arrived here on Dec. 22 to spend Christmas with his uncle and aunt, whom he never had seen. Geza Orley left his native land 35 years ago and is now a consulting engineer for Kaiser Steel.

Secret Kept  
The local couple had some difficulty keeping the plans for the program from their nephew. Since the young Hungarian speaks excellent English, they

### Police Arrest Four

Four youths were arrested by juvenile officers Friday as suspects in the beating of a 14-year-old boy in Waleria.

frequently resorted to double-talk. Even their young son, Michael, kept the secret and they managed to get him to the program.

Thomas Orley was European saber champion two years ago and was scheduled to go to the Olympics this year, but was taken sick during the training period. Hence, he was in his native land when the revolt broke out and led his fellow university students in fighting for freedom. Largely with homemade ammunition.

Story Told

This was the story which was told on the TV program, which brought, besides his aunt and uncle, two of Orley's brothers who fled from Hungary 10 years ago, two fellow Freedom Fighters who fled at

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WHERE FIRE STARTED... This peaceful spot, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, is the place where the fire which swept through the Palos Verdes Hills early yesterday started. The blaze endangered many homes and officers were holding one man as an arson suspect.